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SUBJECT: UN PROGRAM BUDGET

- 1. UN BUDGET DIRECTOR LAVAU TOLD MISOFF REAL GROWTH IN PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 1978-79 HAS NOW BEEN CUT TO APPROXIMATELY 2.1 PERCENT. THE WORK IS ESSENTIALLY COMPLETE AND BUDGET DOCUMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TO TO TRANSLATORS WITHIN A FEW DAYS. LAVAU THINKS THE 2.1 PERCENT FIGURE WILL HOLD ALTHOUGH DOES NOT RULE OUT SOME LAST MINUTE SMALL CONCESSIONS TO DEPARTMENT HEADS WHOSE REQUESTS WERE MOST SEVERELY SHAVED.
- 2. WHAT THIS AMOUNTS TO IS A PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET OF 942 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE BIENNIUM. AN OVERALL INFLATION FIGURE OF 7.5 PERCENT HAS BEEN USED (NEW YORK -5; GENEVA 3; REGIONAL COMMISSIONS EXCEPT EUROPE -10). A TOTAL OF 180 ADDITIONAL POSTS IS BEING REQUESTED PLUS 40 TRANSFERS TO THE REGULAR BUDGET FROM EXTRA-BUDGETARY FUNDS. THIS IS LESS THAN HALF THE NUMBER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF ADDITIONAL POSTS REQUESTED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR 1976-77.

3. ONE OF LAVAU'S DEPUTIES TOLD US EARLIER THAT BOTH UNCTAD AND UNIDO GROWTH HAD BEEN REDUCED TO 2.9 PERCENT AFTER CONSIDERABLE WRANGLING WITH COREA AND KHANE. HE SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS WOULD BE BELOW 2

PERCENT.

4. THE SENIOR UN FINANCIAL OFFICIALS ARE PLEASED BY THE RESULTS OF THEIR PROTRACTED EFFORT TO KEEP OVERALL REAL GROWTH WITHIN THE CEILING OF 2 PERCENT ANNOUNCED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. THEY SAY THEY GOT MUCH FIRMER BACKING FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL THAN THEY HAVE IN THE PAST AND THAT THIS WAS DECISIVE. YOUNG

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